



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. As always there is lots to share with you all.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) continues to go from strength to strength!

On Monday this week, the children had their first OPAL assembly of the new year. It was lovely to share the names of so many children who were nominated for their excellent play by members of the play team. Well done children!

In the assembly there was also the opportunity to share with the children other OPAL developments that will be introduced over the course of the next few weeks. To see the excitement on the children's faces about what is to come was very special. Through OPAL we are committed to ensuring that our children have the very best playtime and lunchtime experiences here at The Coppice.

This week some new play areas have been further developed; The craft corner, which is situated in the Quiet Zone and the Disco Zone, which is proving to be extremely popular! Children, remember to give your music requests to DJ Waterson!

Below you can see some of the great experiences that your children are having at lunchtimes - happy days!



Far left, you can see some of our older and younger children playing together and having fun, which really helps to build our sense of school community

Top right, you can see children finding different ways of transporting each other around the playground - very creative!



Left, you can see children using both problem-solving skills and teamwork in the Water Zone in order to enable water to travel from one place to another. It really is fantastic to see the children developing these very valuable life skills.

Reception Celebration assemblies:

Mrs. Ashwell and I had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to our Reception children this week and, as always, they were lovely occasions. The joy and pride on the children's faces when they heard their names called out and when they got to stand in front of their friends with their certificates were a joy to see! The children who had certificates presented on this occasion also had some really lovely things said about them by their teachers and should be rightly proud of this. Some of the reasons given were 'making great progress with their Kinetic Letters handwriting', 'always being ready to learn'; and 'practising their reading every day'. These children will have their photos published on their learning journeys so that their Parents and Carers can share in this special moment with their child.

Reception children welcome two special visitors!

This half term, Reception have been learning all about 'people who help us'. We have been very lucky to receive visits from Nurse Megan (a children's nurse) and Dr Williams (an anesthetist). The children thoroughly enjoyed their visits, such as taking part in roleplay scenarios to diagnose patients.

These visits have been very beneficial to the children and they have learnt so much from them. Over the coming weeks, Reception will also be visited by a Police Officer and a Firefighter and I think it's safe to say that the children are very excited by this.



Obviously, we want to extend a huge thank you to both Nurse Megan (a former Coppice pupil and pictured delivering her talk above left) and Dr. Williams (Coppice parent and pictured above right) for giving up their precious time to visit us and to play such an important part in bringing the children's learning alive. Visits like this really do inspire our children and impact them positively in so many different ways.

Giving out sweets and chocolate for children's birthdays: very important.

Just an important reminder that due to a number of allergies and intolerances that children in our school have, please do not send in ANY sweets or chocolates (or anything edible) for teachers to give out directly to the children. As you will all know, this is what many Parents and Carers often like to do when it is their child's birthday or special occasion.

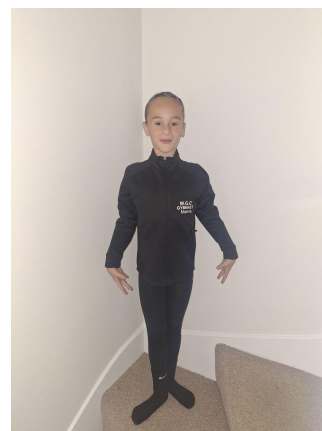
In order to ensure that no child receives something that they shouldn't, and to keep everyone safe, the system that we operate is one where Parents and Carers hand these out to each other in the playground. In this way, Parents and Carers can make the decision on whether or not their child can have that particular item.

The reason for the above is due to legislation regarding food packaging and allergies which means that we have to be extra vigilant and ensure that we are keeping all of children safe and not putting anyone at risk of an allergic reaction.

Huge congratulations Maeva - we are so proud of you!

I received some wonderful news this week regarding Maeva, from 6D, when her mum informed me that last weekend Maeva and another girl from her gymnastics club were both invited to trial for the West Midlands Regional Squad.

This was the first time any gymnasts from the club had trialled and both girls were selected, which is an absolutely amazing achievement and everybody is so proud of them both! This means that they will now both train once a month at Lilleshall with the regional squad - an amazing gymnastics opportunity! Well done Maeva - you are wonderfully talented and a credit to our school.



Achievements outside of school - Celebration Time!

Arianna, from 3B, recently performed in a pantomime: Sleeping Beauty and absolutely loved the experience! She was a villager and got to say a line and was also singing and dancing in front of 160 people over four performances. Everyone at The Coppice is super proud of Arianna! Not surprisingly, she is itching to do more and has already secured a position in next year's Panto.



Marnie, from 2T (pictured below) took part in the McCarron Irish Dancing Feis on Sunday. She danced beautifully and was successful, coming 3rd in her primary reel, and 4th in her primary hop jig. She had a lovely morning with her fellow dance friends. A huge well done Marnie!

Last weekend, Isabella and Curtis (both 5RB and pictured right) were graded for their yellow belts in Kickboxing - and not only did they pass, but they achieved an A+! This accomplishment required them to learn, master, and perform a variety of moves, combinations, and sparring techniques, all of which they executed brilliantly. Now, they're excited to begin working towards their orange belts as they continue to challenge themselves and grow in this discipline. Everyone is so proud of their hard work and dedication!



A huge well done also goes to **Cairo** (also 5RB) who also achieved a red belt in his first ever grading! We look forward to hearing more about your future progress Cairo - onwards and upwards!

That just leaves me to say, as always, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing all of you bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

Baroque

- 1) Handel - The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (1749)
- 2) Bach - Air on the G String (1731)
- 3) Purcell - Dido's Lament (1677)
- 4) Dowland - The Earle of Essex Galliard (1605)

Next week's playlist is -


Woodwind Instruments

- 1) Bach - Suite Number 1 (Prelude) (c.1720)
- 2) Grieg - Peer Gynt Suite (Morning Mood) (1875)
- 3) Barbirolli - Concerto in C Minor II. Allegro (C20th)
- 4) Acker Bilk - Stranger on the Shore (1961)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

13th - 17th January 2025 (Last week)

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|  | RT | 99.26% |
| | 4W | 100% |

TOP ATTENDANCE

20th - 24th January 2025 (This week)

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|  | 1LR | 95.80% |
| | 4W | 97.12% |